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Mr. R. H. Schroeder, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Schroeder:

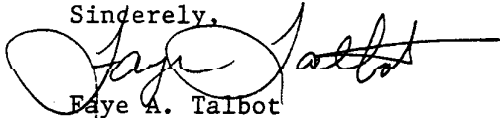
This is in response to your recent inquiry as to the Farmland Protection Policy Act on two sites the US Army Corps of Engineers is evaluating for replacing locks on the New Orleans Inner Harbor Navigation Canal.

Site A, which is located in St. Bernard Parish, is zoned I-2 according to Maurice Knight of the planning department. I-2 is heavy industrial. The soils in the area are prime farmland, but due to the zoning, it is taken out of the prime farmland category.

Site B is in Orleans Parish and Orleans Parish does not have prime farmland due to the urbanization of the parish.

Please find enclosed Form AD 1006 as you requested. If you are in need of any additional help, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,



Eaye A. Talbot
District Conservationist

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FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request October 2, 1989	
Name Of Project MRGO, New Lock and Connecting Channels		Federal Agency Involved U. S. Army Corps of Engineers	
Proposed Land Use Navigation Lock and Channel		County And State Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes, LA	
PART II (To be completed by SCS)		Date Request Received By SCS 10/10/89	
Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction	Acres Irrigated	Average Farm Size
	Acres	Acres	Acres
Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	Name Of Local Site Assessment System	Date Land Evaluation Received By SCS	
PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating	
		Site A	Site B
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		1,247	92
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly		4	0
C. Total Acres In Site		1,251	92
PART IV (To be completed by SCS) Land Evaluation Information			
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland			
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland			
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted			
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value			
PART V (To be completed by SCS) Land Evaluation Criterion			
Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)			
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency)			
Site Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))	Maximum Points		
1. Area In Nonurban Use			
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use			
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed			
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government			
5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area			
6. Distance To Urban Support Services			
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average			
8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland			
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services			
10. On-Farm Investments			
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services			
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use			
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS	160		
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)			
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part VI)	100		
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160		
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260		
Site Selected:	Date Of Selection	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Reason For Selection:			

(See Instructions on reverse side)

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Form AD-1006 (10-83)